CNIO Biobank - authorised by the Health Authorities of the Comunidad Autónoma de Madrid (CAM) and registered in the National Registry of Biobanks with reference B.000848 – is a ‘biobank for biomedical research purposes’, as defined by the Spanish Law 14/2007 and the Royal Decree RD 1716/2011. It is therefore defined as a public, non-profit organisation that hosts several collections of human biological samples for biomedical research, specifically in cancer and related diseases. The main objective of the CNIO Biobank is to facilitate access to human samples for CNIO researchers, ensuring that both the acquisition and development of such collections comply with all the ethical and legal principles that protect donors’ rights.

In addition to this biobanking activity, a number of services have been implemented, both for sample processing and for supporting different aspects of the management of human samples for biomedical research, in order to facilitate the use of human samples for CNIO researchers. 

CNIO Biobank is a founder member of the Spanish Biobank Network, a project funded by the Instituto de Salud Carlos III, ISCIII, currently through the Acción Estratégica en Salud – AES 2017 supportive platforms for research programmes. CNIO Biobank leads and/or participates in many different projects such as: centralised request management system (design and development); ethical, legal and social issues (ELSI); harmonisation; biospecimen science; and marketing plans. Moreover, CNIO Biobank holds responsibility for management of 3 different collections.

Therefore, CNIO Biobank is a cross-service platform for CNIO researchers, as well as the general scientific community, and is geared towards the promotion of biomedical research in cancer and related diseases.